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Litigation Document

Dear Mr. Butler:

I am in receipt of a copy of your April 25th letter to Mr. Joe Yeasted of NVS Corporation, regarding potential disposal sites for PCB contaminated sediments in New Bedford. I thank you for keeping me apprised of developments with the New Bedford Siting Study.

However, I hope that in the future our verbal communication can be improved. To date, notice to me through mail has been spotty, and there has been a nearly complete absense of verbal communication. It is vital that there be a free flow of information on the New Bedford PCB issue between EPA and this office.

As House Chairman of the Special Legislative Commission on Solid and Hazardous Waste, I am responsible for review of state hazardous waste laws, to ascertain their effectiveness in protecting public health and the environment. Clearly, no law is perfect in its implementation, and Massachusetts' hazardous waste management, facility siting, and clean-up laws are no exception. Through state-wide public hearings in localities with Superfund sites, myself and other commission members will be able to hear the public's concerns regarding hazardous waste management and remedial actions in Massachusetts. Public input, coupled with free communication with officials — like yourself — who are administering the New Bedford clean-up program, will help me and other Commission members address problems inherent in the hazardous waste laws. Specifically, open communication will aid the Special Commission in the formulation of amendments to appropriate sections of these laws.

Again, thank you for forwarding to me your letter to Mr. Joe Yeasted. I look forward to continued and improved communication with you and other officials at E.P.A.

Sincerely,

Roger R. Goyette  
House Chairman  
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Enclosure